

It is the responsibility of every gun owner to prevent his or her firearm from falling into the hands of a child.

Whether the child is at home or visiting a friend or family member, most gunrelated injuries and fatalities are accidental shootings. As a parent or guardian, you can take steps to prevent these tragedies.



Guns are in many homes and can pose a real danger to your child and other children. Educate yourself and others on how to keep all children safe.

GUN SAFETY TIPS

- **Get child-proof triggers** and other child-proof items such as lock boxes and safes.
- Understand your responsibility as a firearm owner. Take a firearm safety course.
- ever store your guns loaded. Always remove the bullets and store them separately.
- **Select the correct ammunition** to avoid serious injury and prevent gun damage.
- Ask the parents of your child's friends if they have a gun at home.
- **Familiarize yourself** with the mechanical characteristics of your gun.
- **E**nsure the gun is stored in a locked space unable to be opened.
- Tell your child to never touch an unattended gun and tell an adult if one is found.
- Yield to caution. Visit www.ProjectChildSafe. org to get a free Safety Kit.
- Tell your child to never play with a real gun, which can hurt and kill. Guns are not fun.
- dentify qualified shops or individuals to inspect and service your firearm.
- **Point the muzzle in a safe direction** when you store the firearm.
- **Share this information with neighbors,** friends and family who keep guns at home.